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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application Chia-Lin Hsu, et al.

Application No.: 09/802,048

Filed: March 8, 2001

For: METHOD OF FABRICATING A
DAMASCENE STRUCTURE

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) Chia-Lin Hsu

Applicant: Hsu et al.

Examiner: Shrinivas Rao

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

Sir:

The Final Office Action mailed on August 14, 2002 has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

Present Status of the Application

Claims 1-17, 21 and 22 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as purportedly being unpatentable over Farkas et al. (US 6,001,730, Farkas hereinafter) and Penniman (US 5,373,229, Penniman hereinafter). Applicants, however, respectfully submitted that the presently pending claims of this application are already in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the Examiner's rejection is respectfully requested.